

# Grand Monadnock Rotary Club 2021 Four Way Test Speech Contest

## I. Introduction

- A. Grand Monadnock Rotary Club is sponsoring a speech contest based on the Rotary “Four-Way Test”:

**Of the things we think, say and do:**

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?**

- B. Any high school age student, including home-schoolers and private schoolers, from towns in the Conval School District is eligible to participate.

- C. Rules for the speech:

1. Subject: the speech must be original in content and apply the Rotary Four-Way Test (**ALL FOUR QUESTIONS**) in our everyday relationships with other people
2. Delivery: the speech may be given from memory, it should not be read, though adequate notes are acceptable
3. Length: the speech shall be no **less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) minutes in length** or it is **automatically disqualified**

## II. Contest Dates

- A. Entry registrations are to be submitted electronically from <https://GrandMonadnockRotary.org> by **Tuesday, April 20, 2021.**
- B. The Grand Monadnock Contest will be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021** over zoom. Links will be provided to contestants, with sign in starting at 6:30 and ending at 6:50. Contest begins at 7pm. If there are many registrants there may be a second evening for presentations on **Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**
- C. This year’s Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be a local contest due to Covid constraints. In future years it is anticipated that winners will be able to also participate in Rotary District 7870 Semi-Finals and Finals.

## III. Prizes

- A. Grand Monadnock Rotary Club will award the following prizes:  
First - \$250            Second - \$100            Third - \$50

All 3 Grand Monadnock Rotary finalists will be invited to give their speech to the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club at our Rotary meeting on **Tuesday, May 4, at 7:30 am.**

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## CONTESTANT APPLICATION

*(to be placed online – link from [grandmonadnockrotary.org](https://GrandMonadnockRotary.org))*

I. **Contestants must be high school age students**, including home-schoolers and private school youths, from towns within the Conval School District.

II. **Contestants will be supplied the following items** at the time they apply to the contest:

A. The Rotary Four-Way Test:

**“Of the things we think, say and do:**

- 1. Is it the truth?**
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?**
- 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?”**

B. A copy of this page

C. A copy of the rules for the contest

D. A copy of the judges’ scoring sheet

III. **The speech:**

A. THE SPEECH SHOULD NOT BE READ, BUT ADEQUATE OUTLINE NOTES MAY BE USED

B. THE SPEECH MAY BE DELIVERED PARTLY OR ENTIRELY FROM MEMORY

C. YOU MUST SPEAK FOR NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) MINUTES NOR MORE THAN SEVEN ( 7) MINUTES. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

IV. **A contestant must prepare his or her own speech based on the Four-Way Test**, showing **ALL FOUR (4)** of the questions as applied to his or her life or a segment of society and demonstrate its impact.

V. **Contestant Information:**

**Applicant’s Name:**

**Age:**

**Mailing Address:**

**E-Mail:**

**Phone:**

**School:**

**Grade:**

**Sponsoring Rotary Club:**

**Grand Monadnock Rotary Club, PO Box 354, Peterborough, NH 03458 <https://GrandMonadnockRotary.org>**

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## Contest Rules

1. Contestants must complete an application online at <https://GrandMonadnockRotary.org> by **(DATE TBD)**.
2. Contestants must sign in with the Registrar to the competition over zoom between 6:30 pm and 6:50 pm on **April 27, 2021**. The contest will begin promptly at 7pm.
3. The Registrar shall compile a list of all contestants, check each contestant upon ~~arrival~~ registering at the contest and assign each contestant a number, which shall also be the assigned number for the judges' scoring. Speaker order will be determined by random drawing, and speakers will be informed of their speaking position at the beginning of the contest.
4. Scoring of the contest will be blind, and done by three Rotary Club members. Each speaker will be given a number when registering, and will be called in random order. Speakers should refrain from giving their name during the presentation. Speakers will be called by number to make their presentations, and should stay connected to hear others after theirs is given.
5. A timekeeper will display a timer showing time that has elapsed. The minimum time is five minutes and the maximum time is seven minutes. Violating the time limit is grounds for disqualification. The timekeeper shall give an appropriate visual signal to each speaker to mark the 5-minute time, then 6 minutes, then 6 minutes 30 seconds and 6 minutes 45 seconds.
6. Judges are responsible for *independently* evaluating each speaker as to each element on the score sheet during and/or immediately after each contestant has spoken. When the judges have completed scoring a contestant, the next speaker should ~~not~~ begin.
7. After the completion of each contestant's speech, the scorer(s) will complete the score sheet online using a zoom poll. The scorer(s) will then add the scores from each element to obtain a total score for each judge, and then compute the average score of the judges, which will be the basis for selecting a winner. In case of a tie average score, judges and scorer(s) should attempt to break the tie by determining which contestant scored highest on the Four-Way Test element (judges' score sheet "Content A") as averaged.
8. At the completion of all speeches, the judges shall receive from the timekeeper any time violations. The judges and scorers will have a discussion to ensure that there are no errors in scoring or calculating. Judges should all confer concerning any violation or issue. The judges shall determine appropriate penalties for any contest violations by majority vote.
9. Once the scoring has been completed, the judges and scorer(s) should obtain the name that corresponds to each contestant's number and provide the highest ranked scores to the moderator.
10. Students with the highest three scores will receive a monetary award and be invited to give their speech to the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club at 7:30 am on May 4, 2021

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## JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET

Contestant number: \_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1) CONTENT

#### A. Practical and effective demonstration of the Four-Way Test throughout

**\*Show ALL four of the 4-Way Test questions\*** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_

Is it the truth?     Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Is it fair to all concerned?     Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**B. Use of examples from peer group experience** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Human interest appeal and color** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Clarity and expressiveness of language** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTENT TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2) ORGANIZATION

**A. Introduction – captures attention & establishes major theme** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Development – ideas presented & explained clearly  
and logically with smooth transition** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Conclusion – emphasizes major theme and  
leaves clear concise message** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

### 3) DELIVERY

**A. Clear enunciation and pronunciation** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Good voice projection (easy to hear) and  
voice expressiveness (tone and pacing)** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Good eye contact and engagement with audience** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Relaxed and professional presentation** (1 – 8) \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY TOTAL =** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL TOTAL POINTS =** \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_